

Service and Outreach Commission Minutes
November 1, 2023

Overview from Commissions –

Stewardship – Pledge campaign ends with In-Gathering on November 5th – 161 pledge packets, 73 pledge cards returned (75% of last year), look at testimonials in Soundings

Christian Formation – youth group restarting again (had three acolytes go to the Acolyte Festival), will be helping rake leaves, need volunteers for Nursery, focusing on Children’s Chapel than Sunday School, a service project in January

Fabric & Grounds – position paper on the homeless from the vestry – trim the trees near the Walnut Street corner, replaced the leaking pipe in the dirt cellar, fixed another leak as well, replace lights with LEDs in the choir stall

Deacon Sue was the chaplain for the bishop in Frostburg – working with other deacons on a class called visioning the church in the future, Advent Christmas devotion on YouTube and/or our Facebook page

Parish Life – Evensong and reception for Rev. Allan Weatherholt this weekend, need people for coffee hour, contact Susan and Betty if you are interested

Caregiver Support Group – two meetings so far

Service and Outreach –

POTG – milk and eggs, delivery to Holly Place is so appreciated, check with AC&T, find out the cost and email the group to check for next steps, November 11 is the next one, Cathy and Frank to pick up at 10 for deliveries

Pies – only 40 pies sold so far, contest to see who could sell the most, remind people that they are great to freeze, you can get some of them unbaked, can be saved for Christmas or Easter (maybe make smaller cheesecake). What were sales last time? We need someone to advertise again. Sell at the top of the steps near choir room

Clothing Drive – 3 rolling racks (will go to the third floor) and 3 bags, brought back one bag to Children In Need, and have one coat, which will go to REACH or Children In Need

Potomac Towers – October went well, doing goody bags, 40 people, Thank you, Frank and Cathy!

Bester Christmas Shoe Boxes – Lou will contact BJ and find out the number of children who need it, thinking about doing about 40, Patsy will help, deadline will be Sunday, December 10 and deliver on Monday, December 18, Lou will touch base with Florence. She has boxes. Lou will try to have everything ready to go.

Service and Outreach – gave out clothes,